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O R 031114Z AUG 77
FM AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1235
INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA
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S E C R E T STOCKHOLM 3206

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: CVIS, SREF, ET, SW
SUBJECT: ASYLUM REQUEST OF MEMBERS OF ETHIOPIAN ROYAL FAMILY

REF: STOCKHOLM 3171, ADDIS ABABA 4673 AND PREVIOUS

1. SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTRY TELEPHONED CHARGE AUG 3 TO
REPORT THAT COLLINSES AND TEN CHILDREN ARRIVED JULY 29. THEY
ARE STAYING AT A SCHOOL IN STOCKHOLM AREA AND ARE "IN GOOD
SHAPE." DR. ARNDT MEYER-LIE, WHO HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN DEFENSE
OF ETHIOPIAN POLITICAL PRISONERS, IS IN CHARGE OF THEIR CARE,
AND SWEDISH RELIGIOUS GROUPS ARE HELPING OUT.

2. MFA SAID COLLINSES AND CHILDREN DEFINITELY WISH TO
TRAVEL TO US, AND ASKED THAT EMBASSY GET IN TOUCH WITH THEM
DIRECTLY. CONSULAR SECTION CHIEF HASSETT TELEPHONED AND
SPOKE WITH MEYER-LIE AND MRS. COLLINS: SEPTEL WILL FOLLOW.

3. MFA CONTACT SAID MEYER-LIE IS IN TOUCH WITH UN
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(APPARENTLY A HIGH UN OFFICIAL OF ETHIOPIAN ORIGIN)
ABOUT POSSIBLE UN ASSISTANCE, AND THERE WAS SOME IDEA OF
ASKING AID FROM AMBASSADOR YOUNG IF THIS WAS NEEDED
(WITH AN EYE TO AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S CONNECTIONS WITH
INTERESTED US CHURCH GROUPS). DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO
GIVE BACKGROUND TO USUN.

4. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, MATTER HAS STILL NOT SURFACED
IN PRESS HERE. MFA CONTACT SAID GOS WOULD NOT INITIATE
PUBLICITY BUT WOULD NOT SHRINK FROM IT, SINCE SWEDEN'S
DIFFICULTIES WITH PRESENT ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT ARE
WELL KNOWN.
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